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2003: 156 Years of Hobart History
2002 Annual Report

Once again it is time for our annual report to all the friends and supporters of Hobart history. In this report we look back over the year just ended and review our accomplishments. One of the most important accomplishments is your continuing support of our work in preserving and promoting our local heritage.

In the program area, we published two booklets on local history. The first, *The Nine-Day Wonder and the One-Month Doodlebug* tells the story of Hobart's amusement park, roller coaster, and first streetcar. It is available for $1.50 at the Museum and $2.00 by mail The second, *Hobart's Historic Buildings*, profiles commercial and public buildings, churches, and landmarks of the past. It is available for $5.00 at the Museum and $6.50 by mail.

Our annual dinner in November featured Bruce Webber talking about Hobart High School sports history. His stories were most interesting. Bruce plans to publish a book on Hobart High School sports history. We look forward to seeing it and will let you know when it becomes available.

It's no mean feat to keep the Museum open every Saturday year round, and it is largely due to the dedication of Dorothy Ballantyne who faithfully spends every Saturday at the Museum. Dorothy will be 93 in March. Other regulars at the Museum are Margaret DeLeurere, Oyjdal Isakson, Elin Christianson, Don Stewart and Christine Vincent Brodzinski.

Genealogy projects continue to occupy us. Dorothy Ballantyne, Don Stewart and Christine Vincent Brodzinski work at keeping the current obituary file up to date. In addition, Don is working on an obituary index for the 1889-1891 *Gazette*. When he finishes, we will have the entire Gazette obituaries indexed from 1889 to 1975 when the current obituary file begins. Margaret DeLeurere is compiling an index based on maiden names in the current obituary file. Oyjdal Isakson is indexing Hobart High School graduates in the annuals. This index currently covers from the first graduate in 1889 through 1959.

We have had some major building projects—ceiling painting and sidewalk work—in the past few years, and this work, and larger NIPSCO bills, resulted in a net loss of about $800 for 2001. In 2002 we had the roof inspected and repaired where needed to the tune of $1000. We hope to break even in 2002. Other work last year included servicing the fire extinguishers and removing a dead tree from the grounds. Ellenberger Maintenance Service in Hobart removed the tree at no cost to us, and we thank them for it. Bob and Maxine Hutchens continue to supervise the Museum building and grounds.

Attendance at the Museum averages about 2000 a year. Last year saw visitors from England, Spain and Germany as well as Wisconsin, Colorado, Texas, Florida, California, Kentucky, and Missouri.

Third grade classes from Liberty, George Earle and Joan Martin toured the Museum as part of their study of the community. Graduates of Hobart High School celebrating their 50th anniversary made a point of visiting. Representatives of Tri Kappa, Sigma Upsilon Alpha Pi and the Hobart Garden Club used their files in our archives. The Hebron Historical Society also scheduled a special tour. Girl Scout groups visited to take notes for badge awards. German students also toured the Museum. The library continues to be a valuable resource for all ages of people doing research in local history and genealogy.

Our thanks to all the dedicated workers and generous contributors. Without your support none of this would be possible.

Necrology

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